

## SOUND OFF - APRIL 2021

### FREE VIRTUAL SEMINARS IN MAY

The Marion Downs Center is offering virtual seminars during the month of May for **Better Speech and Hearing Month**.

Each seminar includes a short presentation and a Q&A session.

You may RSVP via the links below or through our website at [www.mariondowns.org/events](http://www.mariondowns.org/events).

All presentations are free and held via Zoom!

Registered participants will receive an email link to the Zoom meeting.

#### Enhancing Communication in Relationships



**Do you struggle with communication in your relationships because of your hearing loss?**

Participants will learn about communication strategies, modifying the environment to decrease noise, and self-advocacy skills with **Dr. Julie Peterson, AuD.**

May 13: 1 to 1:30 pm  
via Zoom

RSVP: ENHANCING  
COMMUNICATION IN RELATIONSHIPS

#### Preventing Hearing Loss in the Music Industry



**Do you play music or work in the entertainment/music industry?**

Learn about preventing hearing loss, types of hearing protection, and different sources of noise exposure with **Dr. Caleb Kronen, AuD.**

May 20: 1 to 1:30 pm  
via Zoom

RSVP: PREVENTING HEARING LOSS IN  
THE MUSIC INDUSTRY

## Summer Speech/Language Sessions in Person or Online



Does your child receive speech language services during the school year?

Learn about summer speech and language services in person or online with **Sarah Bookout, MA, CCC-SLP**.

May 25: 1 to 1:30 pm  
via Zoom

**RSVP: SUMMER SPEECH/LANGUAGE  
SESSIONS IN PERSON OR ONLINE**

## Staying Connected At Home With Your Children



Do you or your children struggle with hearing technology at home?

Learn about hearing technology, applications, and troubleshooting issues with **Dr. Sandra Abbott Gabbard, PhD**.

May 27: 1 to 2:00 pm  
via Zoom

**RSVP: STAYING CONNECTED AT  
HOME WITH CHILDREN**

## MARION'S WAY PRESCHOOL SUMMER 2021 APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED



### CLASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday  
June 15th to July 29th, 2021  
(no class week of July 4th)

Anchor Center for the Blind, 2550 Roslyn St, Denver, CO

**Applications are due by May 15, 2021**

The application deadline has been extended for Marion's Way Preschool this summer. Marion's Way Preschool is an intensive summer preschool program for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. The program incorporate a language-rich environment and instruction with a focus on developing listening and spoken language skills.

Visit <https://mariondowns.org/marions-way/> for more information or to apply!

If you are interested in the program, please email [contact@mariondowns.org](mailto:contact@mariondowns.org) or call 303-322-1871 for an application or more information.

**MARION'S WAY PRESCHOOL APPLICATION**

# MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER: Gianni DiGiacomo



Gianni DiGiacomo works in Hearing Conservation at The Marion Downs Center. He holds a Music Degree from CU Denver along with a Hearing Aid Provider license.

The past 8 years have been spent combining a love for music and audiology which has transformed into a passion for hearing conservation in musicians. He has helped many amazing musicians over the years find custom ear protection and in-ear-monitors and looks forward to continuing to service the music community along with the occupational industry.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his 3 daughters and fiancé, performing music, instructing guitar and cooking.

## Support Marion Downs Center

### Make a minimum donation of \$250 to receive Colorado Child Care Tax Credit!

Did you know that you can claim an income tax credit of 50% of total qualifying contributions to promote child care in Colorado?

Make a minimum donation of \$250 to qualify your donation for the Child Care Tax Credit, and indicate on your donation that you would like to receive the tax credit!

Be sure to make your donation before December 31st to receive your Colorado Child Care Tax Credit form in January.

[MAKE A DONATION](#)



### DONATE YOUR USED HEARING DEVICES

Donate your used hearing aids, cochlear implants or assistive listening devices to someone in need through the Marion Downs Center's financial assistance program.

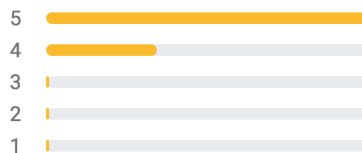
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